GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
PURCHASE OF STATIONERY
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have laid down their own rules and instructions relating to purchase of stationery instead of following the General Financial Rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria and basis followed in asking for earnest money deposit (EMD);

(d) how the EMD and the price of the Tender documents are determined; and

(e) the steps taken to rationalise the charges of tender form and EMD so as to allow more people to participate in the tenders?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 77 BY SHRI ARUN KUMAR , T
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(a) & (b): The procurement of stationery stores is made by the Railways as per the stores purchase policy of the Government of India, as contained in the General Financial Rules except for local purchases from Kendriya Bhandar, Khadi Village & Industries Commission (KVIC) , Super Bazar, National Co-operative Consumers Federation (NCCF), their branches and local Central/ Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Societies for which Government of India has waived the procedure laid down under the General Financial Rules regarding calling of tenders for such purchases.

(c) & (d): Earnest Money Deposit is obtained to prove the earnestness of the offer on the part of the tenderer. The amount of the Earnest Money to be deposited should be sufficiently large to be a security against loss in the event of the contractor failing to furnish the required security within the appointed time after acceptance of his tender, or until such time as the sums due to him form a sufficient guarantee as the case may be. Railways in their tenders, are asking Earnest Money Deposit up to 2.5% of the tender value. For the sake of uniformity, Ministry of Railways has issued instructions regarding the price of the tender document. The tender documents are priced as Rs. 150/- for tenders upto Rs. 5 lakhs , Rs. 500/- for tenders valuing above Rs. 5 lakhs and upto Rs. 15 lakhs, Rs. 1000/- for tenders valuing above Rs. 15 lakhs and upto Rs. 50 lakhs, Rs. 2000/- for tenders above Rs. 50 lakhs.

(e): The charging of the tender form price and Earnest Money Deposit is already rationalised as stated in reply to the items (c) & (d) above.